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Dear Sir,

I have recently learned about the appalling cruel way in which chickens are forced to molt in order to force one more laying cycle out of the already exhausted chickens. These kind of practices should play no part in a modern world when the welfare of animals is becoming more and more of concern to people. The terrible stress suffered by poultry forced to molt is an unnatural act and may have far-reaching consequences in terms of health from eating eggs produced this way. I would urge you to support the petition to ban forced molting of laying hens. Here in the UK, forced molting was banned in 1987.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. B. Kobylarek

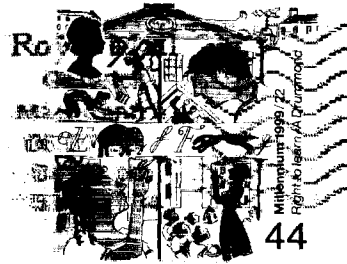
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